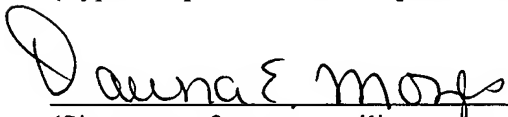


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STATUS AND SUMMARY

Claims 1-10 and 31-45 remain pending in this case. In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-10, 31-41, 43 and 45. The Examiner has objected to claims 42 and 44. Claims 1 and 31 are amended herein.